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SUBJ: EXTRADITION - ROBERT L. VESCO

REF: NASSAU 1694

RE PARAGRAPH 3 OF REFTEL, FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF THE LETTER  
FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL ON TREATY  
SUCCESSION DATED JULY 10, 1973.

BEGIN TEXT: YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO MY CABLE DATED JULY 10TH 1973.

I HAVE THE HONOUR, FURTHER TO INFORM YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT  
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS, CONSCIOUS OF THE DESIR-  
ABILITY OF MAINTAINING EXISTING LEGAL RELATIONSHIPS, AND CON-  
SCIOUS OF ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW TO HONOUR  
ITS TREATY COMMITMENTS, ACKNOWLEDGES THAT MANY TREATY RIGHTS  
AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM IN  
RESPECT OF THE BAHAMAS WERE SUCCEEDED TO BY THE COMMONWEALTH  
OF THE BAHAMAS UPON INDEPENDENCE BY VIRTUE OF CUSTOMARY INTER-  
NATIONAL LAW.

SINCE, HOWEVER, IT IS LIKELY THAT IN VIRTUE OF CUSTOMARY IN-  
TERNATIONAL LAW CERTAIN TREATIES MAY HAVE LAPSED AT THE DATE  
OF INDEPENDENCE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS, IT SEEMS  
ESSENTIAL THAT EACH TREATY SHOULD BE SUBJECTED TO LEGAL EXAM-  
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INATION. IT IS PROPOSED, AFTER THIS EXAMINATION HAS BEEN  
COMPLETED, TO INDICATE WHICH, IF ANY, OF THE TREATIES WHICH  
MAY  
HAVE LAPSED BY CUSTOMARY INTERNATIONAL LAW THE GOVERN-

MENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS WISHES TO TREAT AS  
HAVING LAPSED.

IT IS DESIRED THAT IT BE PRESUMED THAT EACH TREATY HAS BEEN  
LEGALLY SUCCEEDED TO BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS AND  
THAT ACTION BE BASED ON THIS PRESUMPTION UNTIL A DECISION IS  
REACHED THAT THE TREATY SHOULD BE REGARDED AS HAVING LAPSED.  
SHOULD THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS BE OF  
THE OPINION THAT IT HAS LEGALLY SUCCEEDED TO A TREATY, AND  
WISHES TO TERMINATE THE OPERATION OF THE TREATY, IT WILL IN  
IN DUE COURSE GIVE NOTICE OF TERMINATION IN THE TERMS THEREOF.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS DESIRES  
THAT THIS LETTER BE CIRCULATED TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE UNITED  
NATIONS, SO THAT THEY WILL BE EFFECTED WITH NOTICE OF THE  
GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE.

YOURS SINCERELY,  
PRIME MINISTER. END TEXT.  
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